

Diseased Animals Enter U.S. Food Supply



Sick, incapacitated animals like this cow are allowed to enter the U.S. food supply.

Downed animals, farm animals too sick even to stand, are used for human food - causing intolerable animal suffering and threatening human health.

Downed animals linger for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and many are left to die of neglect. When downed animals are moved, they are commonly dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts - painful procedures

which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

In addition to causing animal suffering, using downed animals for food raises serious human health concerns.

Besides the risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that

some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to human fatalities.

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